

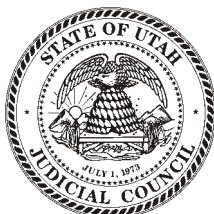
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**JUDGE SHARON P. McCULLY NAMED PRESIDENT OF
NATIONAL JUDICIAL ORGANIZATION**

Salt Lake City, Utah—Third District Juvenile Court Judge Sharon P. McCully has been installed as the sixtieth president of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). Judge McCully was sworn-in during the group's annual meeting held July 18 through 21 in Portland, Oregon.

Governor Scott Matheson appointed Judge McCully to Third District Juvenile Court in 1983. She served as an assistant attorney general for the State of Utah from 1978 through 1983, prior to being appointed to the bench.

Judge McCully serves as a lead judge in the NCJFCJ's Child Victims Act Model Courts Initiative. Salt Lake City's Juvenile Court is one of 25 model courts nationwide that are implementing strategies designed to improve the courts' handling of child abuse and neglect cases. Judge McCully has served as board member and officer of the NCJFCJ since 1992. She is active in the organization's efforts concerning permanency planning, adoption, family violence, delinquency, and continuing education.

Judge McCully is a graduate of Brigham Young University and the University of Utah College of Law. She recently served as chair of the Utah Judicial Council's Ethics Advisory Committee and is a member of the group's Standing Committee on Court Technology. Judge McCully is a member of the National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ). She served as director of NAWJ District 12 from 1994 through 95 and chair of the 1997 Annual Conference. She has

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served on the Utah Task Force on Gender and Justice, the Statewide Task Force on Child Sexual Abuse, the Utah State Legislature's Gang Task Force, and the Governor's Council on Juvenile Sex Offenders. The Utah State Bar Association named Judge McCully Juvenile Court Judge of the Year in 1986 and Judge of the Year in 2001.

NCJFCJ has been in the forefront of addressing issues pertaining to juvenile and family law and is a leader in continuing education opportunities, research, and policy development. NCJFCJ was founded in 1937 and is based on the campus of the University of Nevada in Reno.

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